

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY



REGION IX

75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

MEMORANDUM

TO: Agency Representatives of the Interagency Perchlorate Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Transmittal of External Review Draft of Document Perchlorate Environmental

Contamination: Toxicology Review and Risk Characterization Based on

Emerging Information

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Attached please find a copy of the external review draft of the document entitled *Perchlorate Environmental Contamination: Toxicology Review and Risk Characterization Based on Emerging Information.* This is the document that was developed based on data from expedited studies, as part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's partnership with the Department of Defense to target a testing strategy at the suspected effects of perchlorate relevant to human health and to provide a screening ecological assessment. Because data remain pending in several areas (reproductive, immunotoxicity, and physiologically-based pharmacokinetic modeling), this document should be considered a work in progress. A full set of supporting material referenced in this document will be available to members of the public at the Superfund Records Centers in Region 9 (95 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA), and at the other locations listed in the Federal Register notice for the external peer review meeting.

A copy of the Federal Register notice for the external peer review meeting to be held February 10-11 in San Bernardino, CA is also enclosed for your information. The Federal Register notice will be published on or about Thursday, January 14, 1999.

If you have any questions about this material, please feel free to call either Kevin Mayer at 415/744-2248 or Catherine McCracken at 415/744-2182. If you are calling from Arizona, California, or Nevada, you may call toll-free and leave a message for Kevin or Catherine at 800-231-3075, and your call will be returned.

Enclosures: External Review Draft of Document Perchlorate Environmental Contamination:

Toxicology Review and Risk Characterization Based on Emerging Information

Copy of final Federal Register Notice language

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